

[skin] of a postnatal mammal, or progeny of said multipotent [neural] stem cells, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing [said skin] epithelial tissue from said mammal;
- (b) culturing said epithelial tissue [skin] under conditions in which multipotent [neural] stem cells proliferate and in which at least 25% of the cells that are not multipotent [neural] stem cells die or attach to the culture substrate;
- (c) separating said multipotent [neural] stem cells from said cells that attach to said culture substrate; and
- (d) repeating steps (b) and (c) until at least 30% of the cells are multipotent [neural] stem cells or progeny of said multipotent [neural] stem cells.

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in the present application, and Applicants elect with traverse inventions of Group II. Applicants add new claims 35-42. Support for the subject matter of these claims is found throughout the specification. No new matter has been entered. If any clarification of the above response would facilitate prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to Deposit Account No. 18-1945.

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